

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 735  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Carl Swann for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a Robertson County Commissioner and Cross Plains City Commissioner.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the contributions of those Tennesseans, who, through their professions and public service endeavors, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and have provided outstanding leadership in improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Swann is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; throughout his life, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Robertson County Commission in June 1989 to complete a vacated term and was subsequently elected to serve a full term on the Commission in August 1990; and

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WHEREAS, in 1997, he was elected to the Cross Plains Commission; he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers in municipal and county government and his constituents for the unsurpassed quality of both his character and his public service; and

WHEREAS, a tireless worker for the common good, he has served on the Budget Committee, Legislative Committee, and Fire Committee of the Robertson County Commission; and

WHEREAS, born on June 26, 1928, he is a lifelong resident of his beloved Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, this patriotic American answered the call of duty during the Korean War and served gallantly in the United States Army; he thus holds an honored position among the many heroic men and women who have served to defend our nation and our freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 1954, he joined Mildred Elizabeth Lowery in holy matrimony, and this loving couple has enjoyed great love and companionship for more than forty-eight years; they have worked diligently on behalf of underprivileged families throughout their married life together; and

WHEREAS, Carl Swann has long been a friend and supporter of firefighters and has worked assiduously to improve the fire protection available to Robertson County residents; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the County Commission, he fought to establish a Volunteer Fire Department System throughout the county, and he was also instrumental in establishing Robertson County Fire Department mutual aid agreements, so that all citizens could enjoy sufficient fire coverage; and

WHEREAS, he also helped lead the movement to establish a new fire hall in Owens Chapel; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected leader in his community, he has been an active member of the Cross Plains Puritan Club and the Cross Plains Men's Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swann's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Cross Plains and Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he is an active member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, where he has served his Lord and his Christian family as a Sunday school teacher, as a Deacon Chairman, and, as a Deacon since being elected to that position on November 16, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Carl Swann is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; his dedication to progress, astute foresight, and great energy have had a profound positive impact upon the lives of the people of Cross Plains and Robertson County, and he is worthy of much praise and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Carl Swann for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a Robertson County Commissioner and Cross Plains City Commissioner and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.